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ON REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATION

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1. THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT SETTING UP OF
A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE REMOVAL OF ALL DISCRIMINATION EXCEPT
THAT "DESIRABLE" IN THE "NATIONAL INTEREST" (REFTEL HAS BROUGHT
FIRE FROM BOTH THE UANC AND ZANU (SITHOLE) ORGANIZATIONS. PRESS
ACCOUNTS REPORT THAT UANC INFORMATION SECRETARY, SAMKANGE,
ISSUED A STATEMENT ON JULY 6 SAYING "EVEN THOUGH WE ARE
REPRESENTED IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND THE MINISTERIAL
COUNCIL, WE ARE FED UP WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S DILLY-DALLYING
AND PUSSY-FOOTING AROUND THE ISSUE OF THE REMOVAL
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OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. WHAT IS THERE TO INVESTIGATE?
WHAT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IS IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST?
CLEARLY THERE ARE ELEMENTS IN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT
PLAYING DELAYING TACTICS." THE STATEMENT THEN ASKED FOR
THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATION.

2. ZANU(S) PUBLICITY SECRETARY JOSEPH MASANGOMAI REPORTEDLY

TOLD REPORTERS THAT "I DON'T KNOW OF ANY RACE LAWS THAT CAN BE SAID TO BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST". HE ADDED, "THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SEEMS TO BE DELAYING QUITE A LOT. A COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SET UP A LONG TIME AGO AND BY NOW ALL RACE LAWS SHOULD HAVE BEEN REMOVED."

3. COMMENT: NEITHER CONDEMNATION CAME FROM THE PARTY HEADS, MUZOREWA OR SITHOLE, BUT FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATION'S PUBLICITY SPOKESMAN. IMPLICIT IN EACH STATEMENT WAS A CRITICISM OF THEIR LEADERS AS MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. THIS MAY ALSO BE ANOTHER INDICATOR, AT LEAST IN THE CASE OF THE UANC, OF GROWING POLICY DIVISIONS IN THE PARTY EXECUTIVE.
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